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CIRCUIT POWER WHEN HIGHER VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 11, 2009

The present amendments respond to the final Office action mailed February 11, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on May 11, 2009. Therefore the present amendments are believed to have been timely filed under MPEP § 710.05. Because the present amendments also respond within two months of the mailing date, which two-month date is April 11, 2009 (because April 11, 2009 falls on a Saturday, and the next succeeding business day is Monday, April 13, 2009), an Advisory

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Action is requested in the event a Notice of Allowance is not issued in response to the present amendments.

Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the present Patent Application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and has also objected to the drawings/specification for an informality.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 6, added new claims 11 and 12, and are traversing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants have also amended the specification to correct the informality noted by the Examiner.

No new matter has been added by the following amendments. Applicants ask that the Examiner enter the amendments and reconsider the identified patent application in view of the amendments and the remarks contained in this response.